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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RIOT CONTROL AGENTS FOR NATIONAL POLICE

1. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NATIONAL POLICE AND UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR SECURITY, VAN SAR, HAS REQUESTED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE EMBASSY IN OBTAINING TEAR GAS GRENADES FOR POSSIBLE USE IN DISPERSING DISORDERLY MOBS IN THE EVENT THE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH HAVE JUST BEGUN IN PHNOM PENH STIMULATE DISSIDENCE ON A WIDER AND MORE VIOLENT SCALE. CONSIDERING ALL ASPECTS OF THE SITUATION IN AND ABOUT PHNOM PENH, SUCH INCREASED DISSIDENCE AND VIOLENCE IS POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY IF REPORTED KC TERRORISTS WITHIN THE CITY ATTEMPT AND ARE ABLE TO EXPLOIT EXISTING UNREST TOWARDS THEIR OWN ENDS.

2. FANK HAS IN ITS INVENTORY APPROXIMATELY 852 GRENADES (RIOT CONTROL AGENT, CN). WE REQUEST AUTHORITY TO DIRECT FANK TO ISSUE A PORTION OF THESE GRENADES TO THE GENDARMERIE, UNDER CONTROL OF THE NATIONAL POLICE. WE WOULD USE THIS AUTHORITY ONLY UPON THE DETERMINATION OF THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE PUBLIC DISORDER REPRESENTED A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER OR TO THE SECURITY OF THE CITY.

3. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.

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